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Pertinent Topics Discussed by H.C.

Two weeks ago we reconstructed recent German history giving it a North American setting. To bring it up to date, we have now to record that one of the Rooseveltians taken into the Cabinet of Mackenzie King was ordered to go and stop Rooseveltian demonstrations in a small part of Canada. He made a feeble effort and had to quit. Mr. King then called for a plebiscite, the following Sunday. The ballot read "Are you in favor of Canadian independence? Yes." The voter opposed, could score out the word "Yes" and write "No." Roosevelt got angry, charged it was a direct disavowal of the bargain, sent troops into Canada and ordered Mr. King to resign, which Mr. King did, when told that if he did not he would be killed as his predecessor was. The Canadian government is now in the hands of the President; the Canadian armed forces are commanded by Rooseveltians and thousands of Canadians connected with the old regime, fearful of assassination or imprisonment, are fleeing the country. The ex-Premier is under protective arrest at his home in Kingsmere. His house is surrounded by uniformed guards, but a communique explains that he is free to go wherever he chooses within the house. The Governor-General has also been "deposed" and a henchman occupies the dual post with the title of Governor and Chancellor. Preceded by artillery, tanks and planes, Roosevelt made triumphant entry into Ottawa. The city was a riot of color and rejoicing and the welkin rang with shouts of "Hail Roosevelt" and "Hail Victory." Jews are scurrying for cover and Roman Catholics are uneasy but the rest of the population is striving to appear enthusiastic over what the new ruler calls a bloodless conquest.

Many people in Britain have always advocated isolation from Europe as the proper policy in so far as it is feasible. The element of contiguity reduces the feasibility. Air-craft and long-range guns make it necessary to keep France a friendly neighbor. If it should ever come under the control of Germany, the British Isles would not be a healthy place to live in. Eire cannot be wholly isolated from England nor England from the continent. Britain will, however, keep as free as she can from European entanglement. Hore-Belisha announced before the Austrian surrender that Britain will not send huge armies as she did in the late war, but will support her Allies with sea and air-craft and munitions. This may be regarded as a step toward isolation, but military opinion leans toward the view that in future wars there will not be the same concentration of land forces as in the last. In the next war women and children, pacifists, communists and conscientious objectors will have an equal chance with soldiers and sailors of dying for their country. We mention this merely to warn our militant pacifists and bellicose communists that they and their wives and children may die because of the course they are insisting that Chamberlain should pursue.

Laborites, who condemned Eden when he was Foreign Secretary, are (Continued on Page 3)

In The Days Of Auld Lang Syne

TEN YEARS AGO
Friday, March 30th, 1928
The tennis club were sponsoring a dance on April 17th.
The death of Frank Nicolson, aged 38, was recorded. He was employed at Vulcan by the C.P.R. and was survived by his wife and three children.
Officers of the Vulcan Tennis Club were elected at the annual meeting as follows: President, J. W. Randall; vice-president, Miss Minnie Holmes; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Scott.
At the annual meeting of the golf club, officers were elected as follows: President, C. H. McMillan; vice-president, A. L. Burrows; secretary-treasurer, D. D. McQueen; captain, H. L. Greene, vice-captain, Dr. Barker. Fees were set at \$10 for men and \$5 for ladies.
A snowstorm was experienced in Vulcan district on March 26th of that year.

Municipality of Royal To Install Modern Road Grading Equipment

Buy Diesel Tractor and Lease Elevating Grader; Appoint Engineer and Graderman

All councillors were present at a special meeting of the Municipal District of Royal, No. 158, on Tuesday, March 22nd, called for the purpose of general municipal business.
Mr. J. Costello of the Union Tractor and Harvester Co. was present and discussed with the council their tractor and elevating grader. It was moved by Mr. Spaeth and carried unanimously that the District accept the offer of the Union Tractor & Harvester Co. of \$900.00 for the District's used tractor, \$800.00 for the District's No. 10 elevating grader and \$50.00 for the old Adam's grader, to be applied on the purchase price of Caterpillar RD7 Diesel Tractor at \$6,460.00, f.o.b. Vulcan.

It was moved by Mr. Roebuck and carried unanimously that the District lease a Caterpillar 42" Diesel engine driven power-controlled elevating grader from the Union Tractor & Harvester Co. for the sum of \$1,200.00 down, and the sum of \$670.00 payable in the fall with a two-year option to purchase the machine. If bought before the end of this year, the purchase price to be payable without interest, and if the lease runs two years, interest at the rate of six per cent per annum payable yearly to be allowed.

Applications for the position of engineer were read from Geo. E. Mottet, I. Scott, N. Washburn, O. Jacobson and W. Braunschweig. As a result of balloting on the applications, Mr. Mottet received six first choice votes and Mr. Braunschweig three second choice votes. Mr. Mottet was the unanimous choice of the council for the position of engineer with a second choice going to Mr. Braunschweig.

Applications from V. T. Parker, P. Jensen, John Jensen and E. Dancy for the position of graderman were read. Voting on the application resulted in a tie, three votes for V. T. Parker and three votes for N. P. Jensen. The tie was broken by drawing lots. Mr. Parker's name was drawn and he was engaged as graderman. Wages for both engineer and graderman were set at 50 cents per hour.

A by-law for the providing of seed grain this spring was introduced by Mr. Bateman. Before a first reading vote on the by-law was taken, Mr. Bennett moved the following motion: "Whereas the seed grain indebtedness has increased by the sum of \$22,000.00 in the past year, Be it therefore resolved that this Municipal District leave it to the banks, mortgagees and landlords to supply seed grain, unless an applicant can show a clear title to his land, in order that the District might obtain adequate security to cover the advance." The motion was put and lost. The seed grain by-law was read a first and second time, with Bennett and Roebuck voting against both readings.

Banff Editor Killed By Motor

Sidney Duncan, popular editor of Banff Crag and Canyon, was killed as a result of a motor accident which occurred March 17. His exposure, before he could be conveyed to hospital, resulted in double pneumonia from which he died on March 22. A party were motoring to a hockey game at Canmore, when the driver stopped the car to let his passengers out while he went to the assistance of another stalled car. In returning to pick up his passengers he ran over Mr. Duncan who was waiting by the roadside. It was believed that the injuries in themselves were not sufficient to cause death, being a broken leg and broken rib. The fact that there is no night telephone service was regarded as a contributing factor in the fatal developments delaying hospital attention by an hour.

Mr. Duncan was born in Wyoming in 1882, and came to Alberta when 21 years of age. He worked on many Alberta papers and had friends all over the province. He was president of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers' Association in 1935.

Franking privileges of the members of Parliament are often abused. J. H. Blackmore, M.P., avoided paying postage on invitations to attend a meeting of his in Toronto by exercising

Annual Curling Meeting Postponed

About twenty curlers were in attendance at the curling rink on Wednesday of last week, for the scheduled annual meeting of the club. After some discussion it was decided that the annual meeting would be postponed until November 1st, 1938, as it was felt that interest in curling would be greater at the start of the season and a more representative gathering would be in attendance.

The L. H. Jones rink was the winner of the Hotel Royal trophy in the second square draw and, at the gathering on Wednesday, W. E. Butchart presented the individual cups to the members of the rink. Personnel of the Jones' rink was Verne Patriquin, Earl Patriquin, Dr. Carson and L. H. Jones.

Relief Seed Issue Same As Last Year

Senior Governments Guarantee Loans; No More Acreage Than Last Year

Regulations in regard to the issuance of relief seed are much the same as last year. Application must be taken by the municipal offices or field men. As in other years, the senior governments guarantee the loans and the province is responsible for 50 per cent of any ultimate loss.

The maximum acreage for which relief seed is supplied is 300 acres. If a farmer plans to seed more than this amount, he must furnish the additional seed himself and must be able to give satisfactory explanation of his 1937 crop.

Acreage and amounts authorized are as follows—up to 50 acres all furnished; up to 100 there will be 75 acres; up to 200, 120; up to 250, 165; up to 300, 210; up to 400, 255 and up to 500, 300.

It is expected that the amount of feed or fuel oil to be issued, will be on the same basis as the seed. If 75 acres have seed issue, it is expected that feed or fuel will be forthcoming to put in the seed.

The appropriation of \$100,000 for the Social Credit Board includes \$4,000 for subsistence allowance for the board members. It was protested that Alberta taxpayers were paying for pamphlets which were being circulated through Saskatchewan. But the protest got nowhere.

Here and There With Other Papers

Conservative
Some one asked the other day whence came the hyphenated name of Liberal-Conservative. The Star explains that the name Liberal-Conservative originated in 1854 as the description of Sir John A. Macdonald's fusion of Ontario Conservatives and Quebec Liberals. His own preference at that time was for the name Progressive-Conservative. Liberal-Conservative has persisted as a party name in Conservative election literature ever since, with the exception of a short period following 1920 when the designation National Liberal and Conservative party was used. Now, after dropping "National," the party picks up that word again and drops "Liberal." It is to be the National Conservative party now.—Collingwood Enterprise.

Another Tax?
Our admiration for the genius of our statesmen suffered a shock when the federal minister of agriculture advocated a tax of one or two cents a bushel on wheat in years of plenty. According to the Honorable gentleman, the salaries of the school teachers would thus be provided for during the next period of scanty crops. This

ing franking privileges. Some ministers and members invariably pay for postage on personal correspondence. Others graft on the country. The frank is intended for use only in connection with business as a representative of the electorate.—Toronto Telegram.

March Blizzard Worst In Years

Blocking all roads and bringing business practically to a standstill, the worst blizzard in several years struck Vulcan early Tuesday morning. Following three days of high winds, the blizzard brought snow and dust that obscured vision to a radius of a few feet and piled snowdrifts several feet deep at corners and around business places and residences. Several business places closed their doors for the day on Tuesday, the raging blizzard keeping most people at home. Winter overcoats and hats, which last week were on the point of being discarded for the season, were again brought into use by those who found it necessary to face the weather. Closed schools, only one grocery delivery and no milk delivery were all the results of the March storm.

The moisture which will be added to the soil through the melting of the snow will be greatly welcomed by the farmers, who will be forced to keep off the land for another few days at least. With this added moisture, soil conditions for seeding will be the best in some time.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Glen McAllister recently had the misfortune to fall and injure her nose, necessitating hospital treatment.

Friends of Mr. Albert Siler, of Champion, will be pleased to know that he is making satisfactory recovery.

Norman Markert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Markert, is confined to the hospital.

Friends of Mrs. Earl Altizer will regret to learn that she recently underwent an operation.

Mrs. James Aitken is a patient this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James White of Nanton, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on March 21st.

Friends of Mrs. Catherine Ellison will regret to learn that she is again confined to the hospital.

Mr. Charles Sherwood is doing nicely after his recent illness.

The condition of Mrs. A. J. Maisey of Kirkcaldy, is much the same.

Friends of Bruce McKay will be pleased to learn that his condition is much improved.

Mrs. Euphemia Love is progressing nicely and is much better.

The hospital superintendent has requested that the visitors to the hospital bear the following points in mind:

- (1) Although you are well, your friends are ill and require quietness. If your friends are convalescing someone else's friends are ill and they cannot stand noise.
- (2) Positively, no children, under fifteen years of age, will be allowed into the hospital unless accompanied by their parents.
- (3) There are signs all over the building requesting quietness. In future this point will be strictly adhered to.
- (4) When visiting, make it a point to the hospital unless accompanied by all the other wards. Then leave the hospital quietly.

looks fine to the members of the teaching profession, but what about the farmers?

The most of them are on their last legs, and nothing short of a miracle can restore them to the prosperity which they are fully worthy of. If the Federal authorities wish to improve the lot of our school teachers, let them within their power to do so without laying fresh burdens on the impoverished agriculturists.

Look at the thousands of individuals who are enjoying pensions running from two to ten thousand dollars annually.

These men were paid handsome salaries during their periods of service, and half of what they now receive would still maintain them in comfort. Put an export tax on war metals; collect on all the gambling transactions on the various exchanges; also cut down the cost of government which is now a bitter curse to every citizen within our wide borders.—Brooks' Bulletin.

ANGELIC CHURCH NOTES

"Go to Church, the place where the Passion of Jesus Christ is known and where witness is borne to the power of God Who raised Him from the dead." Passion Sunday service for Vulcan will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 12:15.

Ratepayers Ask Town Council Reconsider Dismissal R. H. Weale

Over Sixty Present at Meeting Monday Evening; Council Claims Townman Inefficient

Despite the inclement weather about sixty of the electors of the town were present in the I.O.O.F. hall at a public meeting of the electors which had been called in response to a petition that had been circulated some time previous in connection with the council's action in dismissing Townman R. H. Weale.

Mayor King was present and read the petition and the names of those subscribing to it. Mr. L. F. Dawson was elected chairman of the meeting and Mr. George McMann was appointed secretary.

Mayor King explained to those present the stand that had been taken by the Council. He stated that during the past three years there had been various complaints regarding the services rendered by the townman and that after the council had given these complaints due consideration they were of the opinion that his services should be dispensed with. The complaints dealt with the condition of the alleys in the town which were not being properly looked after and kept clean, children being permitted to ride their bicycles on the sidewalks, and the culverts not being properly attended to. The council were most anxious to curtail any unnecessary expenditures and considered the employment of another man an additional expense which was not necessary.

Mr. E. G. McPherson spoke strongly in favour of Mr. Weale and pointed out the great deal of good he had done in local musical circles and the good influence he had with the school children. He criticized the council and the previous speaker for his remarks that complaints had been received during the past three years of the inefficiency of Mr. Weale and suggested that if complaints of inefficiency had been received for the past three years with the council taking no steps to rectify same that the charge of inefficiency should be laid elsewhere. He was unable to understand why this matter was not brought up at the annual town meeting and why at the first meeting of the new council steps had been taken to dismiss Mr. Weale. He pointed out the various duties that Mr. Weale was called upon to perform and the fact that it was impossible for any man to be in as many places, as his work necessitated, at one time. He contended that it was a poor ship that could not afford one captain, pointing out that no one can supervise and keep his nose to the grindstone himself. He contended that a meeting of this nature did not lend itself to promoting good feeling among the townspeople and that this good feeling was very important to the welfare of the town. He contended that Mr. Weale was not a "Yes" man and through this might be getting into difficulties.

Mr. J. Dobbs, in explaining his reason for supporting Mr. King's motion for the dismissal of Mr. Weale, pointed out that he had been on the Town Council for three years and that he was of the opinion that the ratepayers were not getting value for the money spent in this connection. He pointed out that in his opinion, Mr. Weale had been hired as teamster and that the duties of policeman for the town were a side issue, yet it was necessary to hire someone else to do the majority of the work requiring a teamster.

Mr. J. T. Willard was of the opinion that possibly the council had erred in their decision to dispense with Mr. Weale's services and thought that the matter should be reconsidered.

Mr. H. Ulrich, who had been on the council for several years and for some time was in charge of the public works stated that Mr. Weale had always performed his duties to his entire satisfaction.

Mr. E. Arney spoke briefly giving his reasons for supporting Mr. King's motion for dismissal.

Mr. R. L. Elves spoke highly of the good that Mr. Weale had done and briefly outlined some of the duties that he was expected to perform and showed that the hours of duty were indeed very long and that the remuneration was not large when viewed from this standpoint.

Mr. G. C. Collier asked that the council reconsider their decision in the matter, pointing out that they may have erred in their judgment.

News Gleanings From Our Correspondents At District Points

KIRKCALDY

Cal Hollister and Donald Grey were Calgary visitors on Monday.

Orville and Ronald Galloway and Melvin Streech of Calgary were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wyllie Galloway last week.

Nelson Tinkess left last week for Stavely where he will visit for a few weeks.

Friends of Mrs. Jim Aitken will be sorry to learn that she is a patient in the Vulcan hospital.

Several Kirkcaldy farmers attended the Board of Trade meeting at Vulcan last week when lectures on soil drifting and cutworms were given by Lethbridge speakers. These lectures were very beneficial to the farmers of this district.

Henry Todd and Everett Todd motored to Red Deer on Friday. Mrs. Todd accompanied them as far as Calgary.

Mr. Jim Aitken was a Calgary visitor on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lang and family were week end visitors in Calgary.

Lorne Maisey left on Monday for Blackie where he will relieve at the Pool elevator.

Mr. Sullivan died in a field of summerfallow last week and thus gained the honor of being the first farmer on the land in this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tompkins spent the week end with relatives in Kirkcaldy.

The Kirkcaldy Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Henry Todd on March 24th. The roll call was answered by hints on how to prevent colds. A small gift was drawn for and won by Mrs. W. Todd. Afternoon tea was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hagerman and will be exchange day.

Meeting on Friday To Organize Library

Due to the efforts of the T.S.L., local branch of the Alberta Teachers' Alliance, a meeting for the purpose of organizing a library to serve the town and district will be held at the Vulcan school on Friday, April 1st at 8:30 p.m.

The object behind the efforts to have a library established in Vulcan is the great need for reference books for use of the pupils and teachers of both the town and country schools. About thirty country schools, in addition to the town schools, will make use of the library, each school contributing certain books. Library books will also be available to the general public. A full explanation of the plan will be given by Mr. Scollon of the T.S.L. at the meeting Friday evening and all interested are urged to attend.

The regular meeting of the Mothers' Auxiliary to the Scouts and Cubs will be held at the home of Mrs. Armev on Wednesday, April 6th, at 3 p.m. Ringneck pheasants from Utah will be released in the Champion district.

derived from Mr. Weale's musical capabilities and expressed the opinion that too much was expected of Mr. Weale.

Mrs. J. Wolfe thought that the council should not be interfered with in their decisions and cited as an instance the case of a housewife engaging a servant and retaining the right to dismiss her at any time in case of inefficiency or for any other cause. Mr. McPherson pointed out that Mr. Weale was undoubtedly the servant of the council but also that the council was the servant of the ratepayers.

It was moved by Mr. McPherson and seconded by Mr. A. Fisher that the council be requested by the meeting to reconsider their decision in the dismissal of Mr. Weale as townman.

On being put to a vote the motion carried by a very large majority.

Although the meeting was open to receive any other subjects of interest to discuss there was nothing further brought forward that received serious consideration.

Halter Round The Neck of Progress

Canada's national wealth is 30 billion dollars;

Annual production, gross, about 4 billion dollars;

Industry employs 70 per cent. of all gainfully employed Canadians, and is maintained by tariffs which prevent dumping of surplus foreign production, thus ensuring continuity of jobs for Canadian workers;

\$700,000,000 is the yearly tax bill of our citizens and is constantly increasing;

This is approximately \$230 per family, per annum;

Or almost a dollar per family for each full working day of the year;

In 15 years the Government-controlled railways drew approximately one billion dollars in taxes and capital obligations from the people of Canada;

This amounts to three times the national net debt prior to the war; and is one-third the current net debt;

The railway drainage continues at the rate of \$30,000,000 to \$90,000,000 per annum, notwithstanding a one and one-quarter billion dollar liability write-off;

Canadian banks paid \$100,000,000 in taxes during the past 14 years—since raised to over \$8,000,000 a year.

Bear in mind that:

Every consumer of every grade of product, from farm or factory, contributes directly or indirectly to the stupendous \$700,000,000 bill of taxation by Federal, Provincial and Municipal administrations.

Yet there is no evidence of surcease

Bible Remedies For All Trouble

If you are down with the blues, read the twenty-third Psalm. If there is a chilly sensation about the heart, read the third chapter of Revelation. If you don't know where to look for a month's rent, read the twenty-seventh Psalm. If you are lonesome and unprotected, read the ninety-first Psalm. If the stovepipe has fallen down, and the cook gone off in a tantrum, put up the pipe and wash your hands and read the first chapter of St. James. If you find yourself losing confidence in men, read the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. If people pelt you with hard words, read the fifteenth chapter of St. John and the fifty-first Psalm. If you are out of sorts, read the twelfth chapter of Hebrews.—Selected

Husband: "I have left instructions in my will that I am to be cremated." Wife: "Yes, just like you to go and leave ashes all over the place."

The Advocate will be pleased to receive items for the local columns regarding visitors, entertainments, parties leaving for holidays or short trips, bridge parties, teas, etc.

anywhere. In very truth, signs are not wanting that the easy-going Professionals are even now squabbling amongst themselves for a greater share of what-pickings may be left upon the already lean-ribbed carcass of the people's savings.—The Financier.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S POSITION

One of the most important pronouncements of the past week has been Premier Chamberlain's statement of Britain's position in the chaotic European situation. He was opposed to giving Czechoslovakia any prior guarantee for her security, stating that Britain would be guided by developing events in deciding to fight. Existing commitments, aside from national defense, do bind Britain to defence of Belgium and France in case of unprovoked aggression. There are also obligations to Portugal, Iraq and Egypt. But central Europe is not an area where important British interests are at stake. However, he implied a warning to aggressor powers in the words: "If war broke out it might be impossible to say where it would end or who might be involved. Britain's foreign policy is the maintenance and preservation of peace, but that does not mean that nothing would make us fight. We have certain obligations which would entail the necessity of fighting, and I hope no one doubts that we should be prepared to fulfil those obligations."

The proposal of Russia to call an international conference of non-aggressive nations was rejected and the Premier reaffirmed his belief in the non-intervention policy in Spain, asserting that it had at least averted a general European war. He accepted Italy's assurance that it had no territorial ambition in Spain. He also refused to undertake Germany's assurance that she had no designs on Czechoslovakia.

"In the meantime," he said "there is no need to assume the use of force or indeed to talk about it. Such talk not only does no good but is bound to do harm."

He concluded by reaffirming Britain's intention to speed armaments, more especially in anti aircraft and air force defense. Rearmament, he said, must have first priority in the nation's effort. This policy is based upon the necessity of strengthening the cause of peace, and securing the country against whatever call may be made upon it.

We Americans like to coin new names for old ills. When trade declines sharply, up pops another catchword. A century ago men talked of the "panic" of 1837; in the '90's they called their trouble "hard times," and more recently "the depression." This one, with deference to its minor nature, has been accepted as "the recession."—The Commentator.

PROTECTING THE HIGHWOOD

(From The High River Times)

A matter of grave concern to associated Boards of Trade and all conservation bodies in this district is the unrestricted drilling of wells on the very edge of the Highwood river, and the effect which this may have on the river as a sport stream.

Recently the Turner Valley Fish and Game Association added its voice to the protests which have been sent in to government departments. It is feared that if oil and rotary mud from pumps continue to be drained into the Highwood all fish life will be destroyed. Precautionary measures have been urged over a long period of months, with no apparent result, and little visible interest.

Under the Oil and Gas Act of 1931, provision was made for control of oil well locations in relation to roads. The government reserved to itself the right to say at what prox-

imity to roadways drilling would be permitted. It would seem that the same control is equally important in relation to a trout stream which has been stocked at great expense over a long period of years.

As is well known the Highwood river has been described as "one of the finest trout streams on the continent." Its fame has brought many expert fishermen to the district, and it has been an unfailing source of pleasure for people all over southern Alberta. It is one of the substantial tourist attractions, justifying much greater publicity than has been given.

There is no desire on the part of sportsmen and businessmen to discourage the oil industry which is of such great importance, and has brought work and wages to this community. But it should be possible to exercise some measure of control, to prevent the complete destruction of the Highwood as a fishing stream, and as a scenic attraction.

Even though the government officials with authority to protect the stream, have neither interest in nor sympathy with the sportsman's view, they might well give the matter attention from the tourist standpoint—as well as from an economic consideration. More and more all countries are conserving and enhancing their beauty spots and their sport areas. More and more they are realizing the spending power of holiday seekers, and the money value of scenic and sport attraction. To permit unthinking destruction of one of the most outstanding sport attractions of the province; to ignore the warnings that have been repeatedly given, is something that not only this generation but succeeding generations will find it hard to forgive. Added to which is the cost of stocking the Highwood, a process that has gone on for many years.

The letter from the Turner Valley Fish and Game Association asking support of the Calgary branch, warns "the pollution has started and it will take only one season to write finis to the Highwood."

RAILWAY DEBT

Over one-half the combined debt of Canada and to public railways is attributable one way or another to the Government's entry into the railway business. And this drain on the public purse goes on. Why? Mainly because those who have the power to do something, figure it is politically expedient to do nothing.

The indirect policy of operating with a minimum of new expenditures, of increasing traffic by foreign trade and so on, is not good enough. This year's cash deficit alone is round \$40 million dollars, to say nothing of nearly twice that amount in unpaid interest to the government. If political pressure continues to bar economies, efficient operation is not possible. Unnecessary mileage, duplication of services, waste from destructive competition and political expediency are bound to continue.

The government has the power and the experts, to decide what should be done and take resolute action. With the money from potential annual savings which would be round 75 millions, as admitted by both railway managements, Ottawa could balance its budget, reduce debt, add social services, and restore confidence. It must be a big obstacle that is preventing the government from plucking those rich plums.

Business organizations have all recommended action, in some instances providing a definite plan. What's more, members of the Senate and Commons have taunted the government on railway inaction.

Railway labor is distressed with part-time labors. Workers would be in happier position if some were retired on full pensions, leaving the others to receive full-time jobs. Investors too, are interested, since both railways earned more than enough to pay a return on one-eighth their capital investments. You will not have to whip a dead horse when you start sound railway operation.

Governments have chosen to be followers of public opinion, not leaders. It is up to the electorate to provide leadership. Suppose the taxpayers take a look at the fundamentals of the railway problem, study it, talk about it in private and service clubs, contact their members and bring it into the open. We can show at the polls that political sops dripping with promises of expenditures on public railways, carry no weight in appealing to us voters. As voters we should reveal that we are a practical people, give politics no further alibi and demand that statesmanship lead the way.—Canadian Business

The Habitant Speaks His Mind

(Thoughts From My Missus and Mr.)

Ole Abie she's getting pretty mouch ambish

An' she's meaning for try to stir up a fuss,

She's neavir come troo wit' our beeg dividends

But she's getting fat salaree; and moneys she spends,

Way out on Vancouver on big famelee

Does she know dat she's starvin' my missus and me.

An' our little kids dey play on de floor

We geeve dem a little and dey holler for more.

Dem kids are so hongry, dey can't hardly talk,

An' our younges' fellow, she can't even walk.

While I wear my boots out a lookin' fer job,

My missus does housework with sigh and a sob.

Ole Abie she's promise us many a ting

But she's neavir to home does promisses bring.

De odder policemen dey might have been bad,

But dis ole Aberhart she's de worse dat we've had.

She make plenty promise out loud on de church,

But me's tinkin' she's left us all in de lurch.

Being religious feller she's had us all stung,

An' de way she's shoutin' I'm afraid for he's lung.

She's promise us dis and she's promise us dose,

An' what she don't promise us nobody knows.

De next election dere havin' by gee,

She'll never get in if she's leanin' on me.

—D.L.B.

NOTES & COMMENTS

A Better 'Ole

Capital has been the economic lifeblood of Canada. Today there is over \$6,800,000,000 of British and foreign capital invested in this country. Canadians themselves have contributed a considerably greater amount.

In the old-days capital brought people, built factories, railways, towns, industries. Today it is frightened; it is restlessly seeking security. Anxious as ever to be employed and give employment it is fearful of laws and taxes that persecute and destroy. It is seeking as never before, "a better 'ole."

There are few countries in the world that offer better opportunities for capital than Canada; few countries so in need of that commodity. Yet of recent weeks certain newspapers have been giving pages of publicity to an apparent flight of capital from Canada to Nassau.

Almost simultaneously with this unfavorable publicity for Canada, advertisements sponsored by Associated Industries of Nebraska have attracted wide attention. They boast that Nebraska has no income tax; no sales tax; no other extra taxes; no bonded debt; more money for living. They tell that the total of general property taxes within the state has been reduced one-third in 10 years; that "industry, agriculture and labor prosper in Nebraska where government is conservative and tax dollars are spent constructively."

This is the sort of story Canada should be able to tell. To such a story Canada could add the benefits of stable government; of British institutions. It could be a story that would attract capital from all parts of the world.—Financial Post.

Coming Elections

The bill, slated for presentation during the present session of the Saskatchewan legislature to make necessary amendments to the election law

Statesmanship Has Broken Down

(By H. G. L. Strange)

"There is not a single country where the entire population enjoys a standard of nutrition adequate for the maintenance of health."

This is the conclusion just arrived at by the Special Nutrition Committee of the League of Nations. Sir John Orr, probably the world's greatest expert on nutrition, last year came to the same conclusion. "Millions are under-fed!" he said.

Farmers are eager to supply the extra food needed by city people, in return for which city people are eager to supply the additional goods and commodities which farming people so badly need. Why are not these simple exchanges taking place? Some say it is because the Capitalistic System, the Economic System, the methods of Distribution and Marketing, of Transportation and of Banking, have broken down; but this cannot be, for all these concerns and businesses are most eager to bring about the needed exchanges.

In my humble opinion it is actually statesmanship the world over that has broken down. Those in charge of our affairs, by means of high tariffs, quotas and other restrictions, are curbing the exchange of farm products for city goods, feeling, apparently that the less we all buy and sell the more we shall all have. What a sad and pathetic fallacy! If it were not so tragic it would be just silly.

and to redistribute the seats, indicates that provincial general elections will be held during the coming summer. The intimation is interesting in a way it will indicate the measure of content induced by generous distribution of relief, for, one thing, and also the strength developed in the past few years by the C.C.F. organization,

which is making a brave effort to supplant the Conservative party in providing the desired legislative opposition. It is almost a foregone conclusion that the Patterson government will be accorded another term of office on its record of economy and efficiency, but its best friends will hope that it will be faced by a stronger opposing group.—Estevan Mercury.

Those Big Incomes

Some days ago United States newspapers published the salaries of the highest paid men employed by corporations. Some of these salaries looked tremendous and no doubt provided hot stuff for a lot of soap-box orators. The misleading thing about the whole business was that the list published gave the salaries before state and federal taxes were subtracted. It dealt with the gross instead of the net. In the United States a man receiving a \$500,000 a year salary will pay \$300,000 for federal tax and from \$35,000 to \$40,000 in state taxes, leaving him \$160,000. Which is different. In other words, there is much more of distribution of wealth than some people think there is. The Government takes the cream of the income—and does the distributing. Sometimes, we have seen it is a pretty lavish distributor.—Ottawa Journal.

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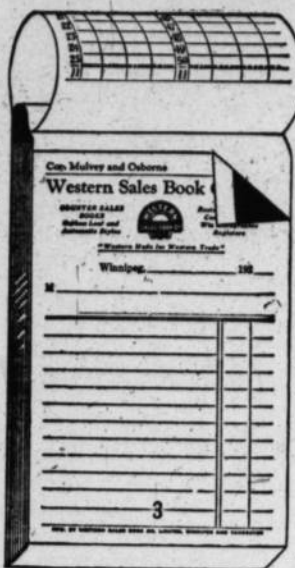
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A. E. McLennan, M.L.A. (S.C.) of Innisfail is as unsuccessful as any of the opposition in stemming the enthusiasm for increased indemnities. The tax on banks is increased from \$220,000 to \$325,000.

Pertinent Topics

(By H. C.)

(Continued from Front Page)

sure now that Chamberlain was wrong in trying to get him to change his policy, are pointing to subsequent events to show that Eden was right. We shall never know for sure, because we can only guess the results that would have followed an incident that did not happen. Our guess is that the Eden resignation had no influence and that the events which followed would have followed had he not resigned. Another guess is that Chamberlain foresaw what Hitler intended to do and hoped to prevent or delay it until the plebiscite was taken. It failed because Hitler could not afford to allow the Austrians to register their will until after he had got them under subjection.

The Austrian plebiscite on April 10th will show Hitler that 90 per cent. will favor his regime. Having control of the ballot boxes under Nazi officials it will be a brave if not fool-hardy ten per cent that will dare vote otherwise. If Schnusig had succeeded in pulling off his plebiscite it would have shown 80 per cent. in favor of independence. The Fuehrer had to act quickly to prevent Austrians from declaring their real opinions. They will never get a chance now.

What happened was that a heavily-armed thug broke into your house and took possession of everything. You did not resist and he is therefore entitled to boast it was a bloodless victory.

If we were sure that Germany would be satisfied with this major conquest we could breathe more freely, but that is not to be expected. It is not the way of conquerors to rest on their laurels for any length of time. If, however, it speeds up London-Rome conversations to satisfactory agreement it will have a salutary effect. If

on the other hand, Rome insists on holding up its end of the Rome-Berlin axis the outlook is gloomy. If having given Hitler a free hand in Austria, Mussolini looks for German assistance in furthering Italian interests in the Mediterranean, Britain must become involved. There is no reason to hope that Germany will not attack Czechoslovakia. If it does, France is involved, and Britain must help France, but how can they help the Czechs if the Rome-Berlin axis holds?

It would not be correct to say that Germans do not care what the rest of the world thinks of them. The fact that the Nazi government prevented the German press from expressing outside opinions of its recent actions, shows that it does not wish the German people to know what outside opinion is. That opinion is almost universal that Germany has once again shown itself to be a dangerous neighbor and that for that reason it would be unsafe to restore to her her former colonies. No self-respecting and law-abiding person wants to have a thug and bully for a neighbor. Italy has Germany now for a neighbor, and the Italians are not feeling comfortable about it while the Vatican is genuinely alarmed, and with good reason. If Hitler treats the Catholics of Austria as he does those of Germany, as well as the Protestants, his ascendancy cannot be pleasing to the Holy See.

German colonies were not taken from Germany because they were of any value to the countries accepting mandates over them. They are a liability rather than an asset. They were taken from that country with a view to reducing its power to make mischief in future, and, as Prof. Stewart says, Hitler is rattling the sabre now more noisily than ever a Hohenzollern did. South Africa's only objection to giving over the German colonies there is its justified fear that Germany would use them as air bases. Germany's demand

Turner Valley Asks Gravel Road

Difference of Opinion, Some Favoring Direct Line From L.N.Y. to High River, Long-view Route.

(From Turner Valley Flare)

A petition was circulated early in the week for a gravelled road to High River or the eastern highway. Residents across the river are combatting terrible road conditions and it is feared spring storms will make traffic impossible. The course of the present road does not give direct communication to southern locations and a new road leading south from the bridge is advocated. Divergence of opinion is expressed as to the course of the eastern outlet, some circles maintaining a gravelled road should go directly east from L.N.Y. to High River. Interested parties across the river consider the gravel should extend south from the bridge four miles and follow the Bar U trail to contact the main highway four miles south of High River. It is understood little co-operation is forthcoming from the Sheep Creek Municipality while the district to the south has expressed great willingness to assist. Assured government revenue from the south extension of the field is considered sufficient warranty for expenditure on gravel highways.

for a return of colonies should have been preceded by some indication of a change of heart. Many people came to the conclusion that the terms of Versailles were unnecessarily severe. We are not so sure of it now. Who can say that if it were left in a stronger position in 1918 it would have become a reasonable, law-abiding member in the family of nations?

Der Fuehrer made a good fellow of himself by giving the school children a holiday. There was really no need for it. They could have been studying other things while he was changing history and geography for them.

That Italian fears and misgivings have influence over their dictator is shown by his explanation of the Austrian question. It was almost apologetic. His statement that if Germany tried to penetrate below the Brenner Pass it would mean war, has no terrors for Germany now. Three years ago, he prevented German penetration into Austria by a demonstration of force at the Pass. The reason he gives for his change attitude is unconvincing. He said that at that time he believed Austria desired independence, and that now he doesn't. He has disclosed himself as a lath painted to look like iron. From now on he has to do what Hitler tells him, or seek other alliances.

The rejoicing in Vienna over Anschluss was partly genuine, but mainly manufactured. The poor Austrians had to join in the demonstrations. We'd rejoice any time rather than go to jail.

As we understand it, the objection is not that the League of Nations is a slender reed but that Chamberlain is. The distinction is very important at this time when we face realities but must not admit them.

What attitude should we take were Hitler to proclaim his intention to protect the millions of Germans in Canada and the United States?

This is not the first time that Germany took an interest in Austria's affairs. In the sixties, Bismarck sent armies into that country, and in 1914 the ex-Kaiser went to its assistance. German concern for its neighbor has never yet done Austria any good.

Frequency of Motor Accidents

Motor vehicles operated by the petroleum industry are involved in one-third less accidents than the general accident rate of commercial vehicles, according to a report of the department of accident prevention of the American Petroleum Institute.

Records of 78 oil companies operating 42,554 vehicles in 1936, showed these vehicles travelled 676,617,693 miles during the year with an accident rate of only 1.62 per 100,000 miles of travel. For all types of commercial vehicles, there were 2.32 accidents per 100,000 miles of travel.

The report indicates that the frequency of motor vehicle accidents in the petroleum industry during 1936 showed a small decline as compared with 1935, whereas according to reports of the National Safety Council, motor vehicle accidents for the nation at large showed a sharp increase.

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In the American Public Health Journal, February issue, Prof. C. F. Jaglou of Harvard University has an article on air conditioning. In recent years many false ideas have been passed on to the public. Applying the beliefs embodied in the article to Alberta, the Poothills Health Unit, deals with humidity and good ventilation.

"Humidity or moisture in the air, especially during the winter has received unnecessary emphasis. Normal individuals are quite comfortable and healthy in homes and small offices with the humidity down to 20 per cent. Air as dry as this is seldom seen in homes even in dry Alberta, so there is seldom any need for adding moisture. The addition of moisture to the air is very expensive procedure as it takes an enormous amount of heat to change water vapor, even without raising its temperature. Unless some unusual reason, such as special sickness calls for extra moisture, it is unprofitable and unnecessary to add moisture to the air of homes and small offices.

"There is a risk of excessive moisture in homes, in places that get as cold as does Alberta. This excessive moisture tends to condense within the walls of the house, causing damage to the wall and reducing its value as an insulator.

"Reducing Prof. Jaglou's articles, as it applies to Alberta, to a sentence, I think we might say that if a house or other small building is well insulated, there is little if any value in fancy humidifiers or other air conditioning machinery.

Good Insulation

"In winter, if the walls are cold it will be necessary to keep the temperature 6 or 8 degrees warmer than if the wall temperature is up to nearly the same temperature as the air in the room. He therefore, recommends well insulated walls, the inside of the wall itself is warmer, and, therefore the room will feel comfortable at a temperature which is 6 to 8 degrees lower. Fuel is thus saved in two ways, by insulating of exterior walls, by pre-

venting heat loss, and by permitting comfort at a lower temperature.

"For comfort in hot weather, the best results are obtained by cooling the air only a few degrees and keeping the air dry. In Alberta where nights are always cool this is mostly achieved by opening the house during the night and permitting it to cool off thoroughly and then keeping it closed up during the day to keep the heat out. In farm homes this involves some means of shutting the kitchen off from the rest of the house in order to keep the heat out and perhaps also the odor of cooking.

Hon. J. C. Bowen, Lt.-Governor may be without a roof over his head unless the legislature warns up to him. The Dominion government pays his salary, but the legislature may take away Government House, and cut out appropriation for his secretary, chauffeur, etc. The annual grant was about \$20,000 mainly for upkeep of the house and show place grounds.

As a result of 24 years in the newspaper business, Webb Miller, the great United Press correspondent, says he has learned that the majority of reporters and newspapers want to print the whole truth of they can get it. He says they are mortified into error. The newspaper standard of accuracy is really astonishingly high when dealing with concrete facts. The main trouble reporters have is to get the facts.

Mr. Miller says the more he studied the various aspects of any particular subject, the more qualified, the less definite and clear-cut his opinion became. Even when he questioned eye witnesses, persons who had reason to distort the truth, each told a somewhat different story. As a reporter he didn't tell the truth; he had to strike an average of their stories and temper it with his judgment of the circumstances and interest involved.

"I found," he says, "that even when people with the best will in the world tried to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, they could not do it. Each one saw something different. Every man's imagination unwittingly distorted what his eyes saw."

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Found guilty, but let off without a fine, Thomas J. Keenan, principal of Dresden, Ont., school, faced the magistrate for slapping the face of a 15-year-old boy whom he had expelled from school. The boy "yah-hooded" at him on the street, causing the assault. The magistrate lectured the father for not backing up the school principal.

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Annual Report of Health District

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An annual report of the Foothills Health Unit has come to the office, compiled by Dr. Somerville and containing information of interest to the district. Contributing areas, populations and representatives, are as follows: High River (1359), Dr. McNichol; Nanton (709) Dr. McKeage; Vulcan (865) Dr. Allan; Blackie (224) J. Schmidt; Cayley (135) G. McCrea; Black Diamond and Turner Valley (1133) Dr. Wray; Stockland (2949) H. Dunning; Riley (1854) F. Roy; Dinton (1887) S. Fox; Royal (1580) F. Bennett; L.I.D. No. 160 (1800) A. Vine; Turner Valley S.D., Col. McGregor; Parkland Consolidated S.D. (315) H. Spencer; Elite S.D. (85-estimated) T. Allen. Total population 14,875; total area 1800 square miles. Population has increased about 1200 since 1936 due to the influx in South Turner Valley.

Finances

The service is financed by the contribution of 30 cts. a person from areas mentioned, and a grant from the Provincial government, with a small additional contribution from Rockefeller Foundation. Per capita expenditure is 65 cts. annually, although one dollar is regarded by specialists in this field as minimum.

Sanitation

Sanitation has been a serious problem in 1937 due to the rapid growth of new hamlets in the oil district. Lack of water supply that would pass inspection, has increased the problem. There was readily available a supply of water brought by pipeline companies for drilling purposes only. This water all comes from the Highwood untreated, and regularly shows contamination. At first the pipeline companies felt they were not responsible if private individuals drank this water, but later have given every assistance in reducing the risk. One typhoid case developed, the only source discoverable being that he had been drinking contaminated water. New industrial developments have increased the risk as new wells are being drilled along the river bank. Constant vigilance is required to prevent further contamination. New water wells are being drilled, and a distribution of good water at reasonable price has been arranged. Problems of garbage disposal and toilets have also been brought under control. A permanent nuisance ground to serve Little Chicago and Little New York is badly needed.

In the trying conditions of hurried development, the sanitary inspector has had wholehearted co-operation from local companies and land owners, mentioning particularly T. Merriam, Royalty, Mercury, Brown, Model-Spooner-Reward, A. Twitchee, Mr. Frankland and Round T.

Routine sanitary care has not been neglected, despite this unusual volume of work. Meat markets, restaurants and dairies have been regularly inspected. The 404 dairy cattle in the district are all satisfactorily tested. The survey of milk used, shows poor consumption, but quite a number of private cows improve the figure considerably. Nuisances in general and inspections of garbage disposal have required the usual time and supervision. There were almost 3000 inspections during the year.

Diseases

Infantile paralysis was introduced into the district in September from Medicine Hat and an outbreak of four cases occurred in a small district. These four cases in the unusual method of spread indicated that the official quarantine of 21 days is not enough. Three other scattered cases occurred. Five have made excellent recovery; one shows moderate paralysis of one arm, and the latest case contracted in December is still showing severe paralysis.

For the second time since the inception of the Unit a thorough coverage for diphtheria inoculation and vaccination has been undertaken. Because of pressure of other work, Turner Valley, High River and Nanton school districts still remain to be done. With the exception of these districts the Unit is well protected. There have been no cases of diphtheria or smallpox.

Other communicable diseases have shown about the usual prevalence with 81 cases of scarlet fever, 70 of chicken pox and 174 of measles. Other diseases were in much lesser numbers. In controlling spread, cases quarantined numbered 399, with 319 visits to cases; 4,144 miles travelled; 474 diphtheria toxoid; 944 Dick tests; 1,266 doses scarlet fever toxin; 148 vaccinations and 22 pertussis inoculations.

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starting this year it is planned to supplement this examination with a check up in the intervening period for weight, measurement, vision and teeth. This work can be carried on by the public health nurse.

In child welfare, 90 pre-school-age and baby clinics were held at larger points and in addition six special clinics in rural schools during holidays. A total of 544 babies and pre-school children were examined.

Adult Clinic

Twenty-two adult clinics were held, and in addition adults were welcomed at 59 of the child clinics. These combination clinics are operated because of local conditions. Too frequently adults are seeking advice about some special complaint. This is improving and an increasing number are coming in without complaint, asking for routine check-up.

Mental Hygiene

Mental Hygiene clinics started in June 1937, and the primary purpose is examination of school pupils not making satisfactory progress. Frequently the tests reveal that the backwardness is due to some condition which can be corrected. Specialists operate these clinics. The work they do is slow. Four clinics were held and 29 patients examined. The few people who have had occasion to make use of these clinics have been well satisfied with results.

Health Education

Health education is the most important part of the Health Unit work, and is part of the work of the staff every time any contact is made with the public. Short talks are given in schools, and health is a major subject in the new curriculum. In addition, thousands of health books and pamphlets are distributed. Newspapers of the Unit and Calgary have given generous publicity. 976 school health magazines have been issued; 24 lectures; 5,113 bulletins; 2608 letters; 704 reports; 181 pre-natal and post-natal letters; 43 newspaper articles and 297 interviews.

Laboratory

The small laboratory supplies needed information on control of infectious diseases and control of milk and water. Other tests supplied have been Wasserman 3, throat swabs 13, urinalysis 14, water 114, milk 97, milk tests 218.

The Provincial Dept. of Health keeps a supply of serums and vaccines at the office which is useful for the doctors in the district and for a considerable distance outside the boundaries.

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Dr. W. S. Bell, V.S. of Fernie, bought a carload of heavy horses for the mines from the bunches of George Findlay, Wm. Pollock and Billy MazzDougall.

This local item is going to make Okotoks mad with jealousy. Baron de Prentix of the department de L'Indre, France, and Edgar Papillard of Lyons have arrived in High River and are looking for investments.

The weather is bucking up a bit. There is a great opening for a weather prophet in High River. He can make quite a stake laying odds against the gloomy prognostications of old timers. These worthies were trying to frighten off new-comers with the dry season scare.

There used to be a fine line of pessimists in the weather line-up round Westaskin a few years ago. They succeeded in frightening half the settlers out of the country. They are doing the same thing at High River. If one were to believe all he is told here, he would take the first train east.

There seems to be some hitch in the Episcopalian service feature here. Bishop Pinkham, promised to have an incumbent sent down. No incumbent. Rev. Freemantle-Webb officiates off and on but you could not hire him to live here. No wonder. What in thunder would he do with himself during the week? Listen to silly chatter.

The people of Canada are long suffering but some day they will rise. A new fangled commission was appointed lately to "look into the Chinese question in British Columbia." This little pleasure trip only cost \$39.20. There were four needy Liberals on the commission, but their expense accounts don't agree. Mr. Clute's board bill was only \$549, while Mr. Deane ate at rate of \$1,066. And when it came to washing, Mr. Deane was much cleaner than his colleagues. His laundry account was \$17.29. Mr. Foley on the other hand had eight and a half months' washing done for \$1.50. And apparently Mr. Clute never changed his shirt at all. But speaking seriously, B.C. members have been informing the government about the Chinese question for years. Why the commission?

Laurier's resentment against England's paternal tactics toward Canada and his declaration that Canada is capable of managing her own affairs, gives exact expression to the situation of the Territories in their present subservient relation to the Dominion government.

"The Fairies' Spring," a cantata, was produced by Calgary talent at the Calgary Opera House, Tuesday, followed by a concert, also local talent. The music was confined to British composers. Part First was sung by the ladies, and Part Two by gentlemen exclusively. As there was no electric or other kind of light to lighten the Gentiles, the audience sat throughout the performance in utter darkness unable to read their programs or to witness signs of distress. Several people were observed striking matches to look at their watches, in hopes that something would end soon. If British composers cannot turn out anything better than these Calgary folks were able to glean, they should confine their efforts to composing new cries for London street vendors.

The Eye Opener had a slight ginning up from the postal authorities last week on account of the irregularity of its publication. It appears that a paper which poses as a weekly and receives postal privileges as a weekly, must come out weekly and not just occasionally. Our infuriated subscribers thus have cause to rejoice for we shall have to come out once a week now whether we want to or not, and whether there is anything to write about or not. It is a confounded nuisance, this paper.

If the postmaster-general could only see our stuff we feel sure he would not

be so nasty with us. Even the society editress has begun to laugh too boisterously at tea and musicales, and it is mortifying to the management to have ladies on the staff who do not reflect credit on the Eye Opener.

What we would really prefer is to call this paper the Daily Eye Opener, receive subscriptions for it as a daily, and then come out every week. Or it might be arranged to call it a monthly and then come out every three months, changing the name to the Quarterly Review. Life is so irksome.

D. C. Morrison of Owen Sound is going to open up a provision store here.

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